

## Annual Garage Sale

Save the date! Our annual neighborhood garage sale has been scheduled for Saturday (7/13) and Sunday (7/14). The sale is being advertised for 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 2 PM on Sunday.

If you would like your home to be included in the advertisements, you can RSVP through the neighborhood Facebook page. If you don't have access to Facebook, please send us an email or leave a voicemail.

## Trash & Recycling Bins

Trash & recycling bins may be left on the street for 24 hours only for pick up. Please remember to store bins so they aren't visible from the street.

## Fireworks

Gathering with family and friends, to celebrate the 4th of July, is something that many of us look forward to every year. However, it's important to remember that while these celebrations bring immense joy to many, they can also be a source of stress and anxiety for others. We have residents with PTSD, as well as beloved pets, who find the loud noises and bright flashes of fireworks deeply distressing. Many do their best to either find temporary respite away from the celebrations or find ways to manage their symptoms during this time. In a gesture of consideration and community solidarity, we kindly ask that everyone conclude their firework displays by 10 PM (Please refer to the City of Albany's Municipal Code 7.08.050). This small adjustment in our celebrations can make a significant difference in ensuring that the 4th of July remains a joyous occasion for all members of our community. Thank you!

## APD's Safe Return Program

The Albany Police Department offers a voluntary photo-based program to aid officers during interactions with someone who may have difficulty communicating due to a disability. Through The Safe Return Program, caregivers can provide critical information such as descriptions, photographs, emergency contact numbers, and other important details that officer might require to ensure any encounters with vulnerable individuals is handled with sensitivity and understanding. <https://albanyoregon.gov/police/programs/safereturn>

## Albany Fire Dept Defensible Space Project

The Albany Fire Dept's Defensible Space Project is designed reduce possible fuel for wildfires. This will help protect our homes and protect first responders if a fire were to start. A 100-foot barrier would be created by removing underbrush, dead trees, invasive bushes, and plants (ex. blackberries and poison oak). The City Forester will be working with the Calapooia Watershed to protect native plants, and they will not disturb nests or other wildlife habitats. This project is being funded by a state grant.

The project is expected to be completed in phases. The first phase, is planned to be the area to the west of the subdivision from about the end of Cougar going north to Moose Run. At this time, the east side of the neighborhood hasn't been scheduled.

# Own A Small Business?

If you're a small business owner, and would like to post a free ad on the HOA's website, please contact us for more information.

## Basketball Hoops

This is a reminder that basketball hoops should only be placed on your private property. Hoops that are in the street, or on the sidewalk, create hazards for drivers and pedestrians. They can create issues with the water not draining correctly from the street, along with complications during the City's leaf removal and street cleaning.

## Tree Trimming

Many of us have trees that hang over a street or sidewalk. As part of keeping the sidewalks clear, the City also requires that trees should be trimmed periodically to ensure there is a clear path for pedestrians and prevent injuries. Below are the requirements provided by the City.

- Sidewalks: Trees should be trimmed 8 feet above the height of the sidewalk
- Streets: Trees should be trimmed 14 feet above the height of the street

## Architectural Changes

Please remember that making visible changes to your home or property might require Board approval. This includes exterior paint, major structural changes to the interior, etc. If you're planning any projects, please take a moment to review the Architectural Change requirements detailed in the CC&Rs. This can be found under Article C. An Architectural Change Request Form is available on the HOA's website, or can be requested by contacting a member of the Board. We do our best to respond promptly.

## Electronic Communications

If you would like to receive our newsletters by email, you can sign up at <http://www.oakcreekmeadowshoa.org/signup.html>. Invoices and meeting notices will continue to be sent through the US Mail as required by the HOA By-laws. You can opt out at any time. If you choose not to sign up, you will continue to receive all communications through the US Mail.